*1981 Varsity Raider Football Team* Photo by Allen Austin)

# Raiders ready for tough Seminole foes

It may not have been a thing of beauty, but Saturday night's season-opening win over Gretna was a win -- and that's just the way the 1981 Appomattox varsity Raiders wanted it.

The victory came only two days after Kevin Ferguson, slated to start at quarterback for the Raiders, dislocated his right index finger and had to be pulled from the Raiders' starting lineup.

The Raiders' two scores came on a safety following a blocked punt by Raider defensive lineman Robert Paulette. The second score came at the end of the game on a three-yard run by Raider running back Alan Edmonds.

The win was especially meaningful for Appomattox coach Gary Cuccio, as Saturday's game was his first contest at the helm of the Raider team.

The 1981 version of the Appomattox County High School Raiders will be somewhat different from last year's squad, which recorded a 6-3-1 season under then-coach Stuart Justus.

Cuccio utilizes a six-man front on defense as opposed to the 4-3 defense used last year.

On offense, Cuccio uses a multiple-set approach. The 1980 Raiders went with an unbalanced line.

Cuccio was pleased with Ron Carter's performance at quarterback, particularly since Carter had only two days' notice that he would be calling the signals in the season opener.

Kevin Ferguson, who had been slated to start at quarterback, will be out for several weeks as he recovers from the effects of

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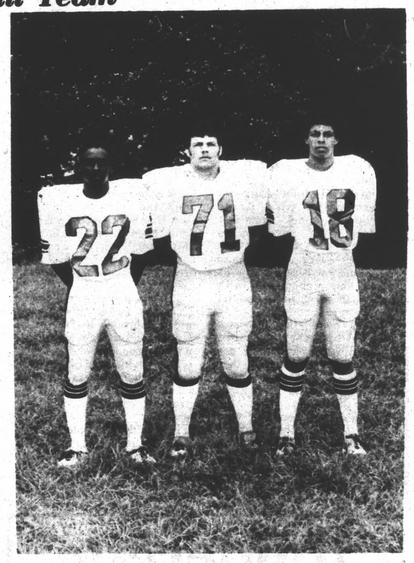

APPOMATTOX VARSITY RAIDER tri-captains Mark Kelso, Roy Trent and Kevin Ferguson. (Photo by Allen Austin)

## APPOMATTOX COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
### 1981 ROSTER

| Jersey # | Player | Ht. | Wt. | Class |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 10 | Tim Williams | 5'7" | 144 | 11 |
| 12 | Ron Carter | 6'2" | 165 | 12 |
| 15 | Phil Agee | 5'8" | 120 | 11 |
| 18 | Kevin Ferguson | 6'2" | 180 | 11 |
| 21 | Freddy Napier | 5'7" | 135 | 12 |
| 22 | Mark Kelso | 5'9" | 150 | 12 |
| 25 | Jody Williams | 5'8" | 155 | 11 |
| 33 | Dennis Fleshman | 5'10" | 170 | 11 |
| 34 | Pete McIvor | 5'7" | 145 | 11 |
| 37 | Alan Edmonds | 6'0" | 155 | 11 |
| 38 | Gary Ferguson | 5'7" | 175 | 10 |
| 39 | Jay Wingfield | 5'10" | 165 | 10 |
| 30 | Larry Shorter | 5'9" | 130 | 10 |
| 40 | William Thornton | 6'0" | 145 | 12 |
| 42 | Robert Preston | 5'10" | 170 | 11 |
| 43 | Rodney Bryant | 5'8" | 160 | 11 |
| 44 | Tommy Smith | 5'11" | 165 | 12 |
| 51 | Alan Hamlett | 5'10" | 165 | 11 |
| 52 | Scott Sayre | 5'10" | 170 | 11 |
| 53 | Chris Dunnam | 6'1" | 185 | 12 |
| 55 | Greg Mayberry | 6'2" | 185 | 11 |
| 57 | Cornelius Davis | 5'8" | 170 | 12 |
| 60 | Norman Turner | 6'4" | 195 | 11 |
| 62 | Tommy Robinson | 5'11" | 175 | 11 |
| 63 | Tim Bennett | 5'10" | 170 | 11 |
| 64 | Ricky Carter | 5'10" | 230 | 11 |
| 65 | Jimmy Gilliam | 5'11" | 150 | 12 |
| 66 | Tim Webb | 5'9" | 165 | 12 |
| 67 | Robert Paulette | 6'0" | 195 | 11 |
| 68 | Jeff Miller | 6'4" | 190 | 11 |
| 70 | Herman Ferguson | 5'10" | 245 | 12 |
| 71 | Roy Trent | 6'0" | 220 | 12 |
| 72 | Tyrone Bell | 5'10" | 155 | 12 |
| 73 | Tom Blazer | 6'1" | 175 | 11 |
| 75 | Jeff Davis | 5'9" | 165 | 11 |
| 77 | Alphonso Moore | 5'10" | 190 | 10 |
| 78 | Jay Whitehead | 5'10" | 175 | 11 |
| 79 | Scott Almond | 5'9" | 160 | 10 |
| 81 | Todd Scruggs | 6'0" | 165 | 10 |
| 82 | Mike Rosser | 6'1" | 160 | 12 |
| 86 | Mike Williams | 6'0" | 190 | 11 |
| 87 | Jeff Fanney | 5'7" | 130 | 10 |
| 88 | Ricky Miller | 6'3" | 190 | 10 |

Head Coach: Gary Cuccio
Asst. Coaches: Ray Archer, Coty Dickerson, Charles Wilkerson, R. Hudson

THE RAIDER COACHING STAFF (from left): Coty Dickerson, Charles Wilkerson, Robert Hudson, head coach Gary Cuccio, Ray Archer, Howard Clabough, and John Pettyjohn. (Photo by Allen Austin)



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